

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 96-4731, by Representatives Foster Dyer, Cooke, Quall, B. Thomas, D. Schmidt, McMorris, Mulliker, Roberts and Lambert

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Washington State Legislature to recognize excellence in all fields of endeavor and

WHEREAS, Through its distinguished history, tradition and current innovations and growth, home-based parent provided instruction has unequivocally demonstrated itself to be an excellent tool and environment wherein children receive an outstanding and vital education and

WHEREAS, Home-based instruction has been recognized by the legislature of this great state of Washington through enactment of law as a vital part of education, wherein rigorous academic instruction provided to our young citizens and the future leaders of our great state and as an expression of the paramount right of parents to superintend the instruction and education of their children and

WHEREAS, This recognition of the value of home-based instruction is founded on the long tradition and principled history of home-based instruction evidenced by such notable accomplished home-schoolers as George Washington, Patrick Henry, John Marshall, Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington and Woodrow Wilson and

WHEREAS, Home-based instruction provides well-rounded and dynamic curriculum including the fundamental and advanced skills of occupational education, science, mathematics, languages, social studies, history, health, reading, writing, spelling, art and music at scholastic levels which customary and routine exceed public schooled students and

WHEREAS, The efficacy and sustaining success of home-based instruction is distinctively illustrated by national achievement test scores where students of home-based instruction consistently out-perform their public school counterparts and

WHEREAS, Home-based instruction provides an irreplaceable opportunity for parents to teach and without dilution impart meaningful personal and religious values to their children which uniquely equips and prepares them for the varied challenges of today and the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the very highest level of excellence shown by those parents and families who strive, pursue and demonstrate excellence in home-based instruction.

Thereby certifying this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4731 adopted by the House of Representatives  
February 28, 1996.

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Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk